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Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Application at Page 1, hine 1 by inserting the following:

## -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This Application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/238,307, filed October 5, 2000.--

A replacement sheet for Page 1 of the Application is included in the Appendix for the convenience of the Examiner.

## **REMARKS**

Early and favorable acceptance of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.